

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-5 (cancelled)

Claim 6 (original): A processing tool for a blender comprising:

a shaft configured to couple to a blender at a first end;

a body connected to the shaft at a second end; the body having a working portion; the working portion having a top surface and a bottom surface interconnected by a sidewall; the working portion includes at least a first opening extending between the top surface and the bottom surface; the first opening includes a leading end interconnected to a trailing end; wherein at least a portion of the trailing end forms an angle with the bottom surface that is less than 90 degrees.

Claim 7 (original): The processing tool of claim 6 wherein at least a portion of the leading end forms an angle with the top surface that is less than 90 degrees.

Claim 8 (original): The processing tool of claim 6 wherein the processing tool is adapted for rotation such that the leading end leads in the rotation.

Claim 9 (original): The processing tool of claim 6 wherein the top surface is parallel to the bottom surface.

Claim 10 (original): The processing tool of claim 6 wherein the working portion is substantially circular in shape.

Claim 11 (original): The processing tool of claim 6 wherein the body includes a shaft-receiving portion; the shaft being received within the shaft-receiving portion.

Claim 12 (original): The processing tool of claim 6 wherein the leading end of the opening is curved.

Claim 13 (original): The processing tool of claim 6 wherein the first opening includes an outer side interconnected to an inner side.

Claim 14 (original): The processing tool of claim 13 wherein the outer side of the first opening is curved.

Claim 15 (original): The processing tool of claim 13 wherein the outer side of the first opening is substantially parallel to the sidewall.

Claim 16 (original): The processing tool of claim 13 wherein the inner side of the first opening is curved.

Claim 17 (original): The processing tool of claim 13 wherein at least a portion of the inner side extends between the top surface and the bottom surface at an angle of less than 90 degrees with respect to the bottom surface.

Claim 18 (original): The processing tool of claim 13 wherein at least a portion of the outer side extends between the top surface and the bottom surface at an angle of less than 90 degrees with respect to the bottom surface.

Claim 19 (original): The processing tool of claim 13 wherein at least a portion of the outer side extends between the top surface and the bottom surface at an angle of approximately 80 degrees to approximately 90 degrees with respect to the bottom surface.

Claim 20 (original): The processing tool of claim 13 wherein at least a portion of the leading end extends between the top surface and the bottom surface at an angle that is less than 90 degrees with respect to the top surface; wherein at least a portion of the outer side extends between the top surface and the bottom surface at an angle that is less than 90 degrees with respect to the bottom surface; and wherein at least a portion of the inner side extends between the top surface and the bottom surface at an angle that is less than 90 degrees with respect to the bottom surface.

Claim 21 (original): The processing tool of claim 13 wherein at least a portion of both the outer side and the inner side form the trailing end.

Claim 22 (original): The processing tool of claim 6 wherein the leading end is wider than the trailing end such that the first opening narrows from the leading end towards the trailing end.

Claim 23 (original): The processing tool of claim 6 further including a second opening extending between the top surface and the bottom surface; the second opening includes a leading end interconnected to a trailing end; wherein at least a portion of the trailing end forms an angle with the bottom surface that is less than 90 degrees.

Claim 24 (original): The processing tool of claim 23 wherein at least a portion of the leading end of the second opening forms an angle with the top surface that is less than 90 degrees.

Claim 25 (original): The processing tool of claim 23 wherein the second opening includes an outer side interconnected to an inner side.

Claim 26 (original): The processing tool of claim 25 wherein the outer side of the second opening is curved.

Claim 27 (original): The processing tool of claim 25 wherein the outer side of the second opening is substantially parallel to the sidewall.

Claim 28 (original): The processing tool of claim 25 wherein the inner side of the second opening is curved.

Claim 29 (original): The processing tool of claim 25 wherein at least a portion of the inner side extends between the top surface and the bottom surface at an angle of less than 90 degrees with respect to the bottom surface.

Claim 30 (original): The processing tool of claim 25 wherein at least a portion of the outer side extends between the top surface and the bottom surface at an angle of less than 90 degrees with respect to the bottom surface.

Claim 31 (original): The processing tool of claim 25 wherein at least a portion of the outer side extends between the top surface and the bottom surface at an angle of approximately 80 degrees to approximately 90 degrees with respect to the bottom surface.

Claim 32 (original): The processing tool of claim 25 wherein at least a portion of the leading end extends between the top surface and the bottom surface at an angle that is less than 90 degrees with respect to the top surface; wherein at least a portion of the outer side extends between the top surface and the bottom surface at an angle that is less than 90 degrees with respect to the bottom surface; and wherein at least a portion of the inner side extends between the top surface and the bottom surface at an angle that is less than 90 degrees with respect to the bottom surface.

Claim 33 (original): The processing tool of claim 25 wherein at least a portion of both the outer side and the inner side form the trailing end.

Claim 34 (original): The processing tool of claim 25 wherein the leading end is wider than the trailing end such that the first opening narrows from the leading end towards the trailing end.

Claim 35 (original): The processing tool of claim 6, wherein the first opening includes a shape selected from the group consisting of a paisley shape, a tear-drop shape, a circle, and a triangle.

Claims 36-52 (cancelled)